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TAPING PROGRAM BEGUN IN MEXICO CITY

The Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division recently began to record Latin American writers in Mexico City for the Archive of Hispanic Literature on Tape. U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Joseph J. Jova, and embassy officials Donald Albright, first secretary, Darrell Carter, cultural attaché, and Jerry Inman, cultural affairs officer, have agreed to cooperate with the Library of Congress in the program, for which United States Information Service laboratories in Mexico City are used.

In the last four months, four writers have been recorded. The first to read selections was young poet and critic José Emilio Pacheco, who read from *Los elementos de la noche, El reposo del fuego, Irás y no volverás,* and several unpublished poems. The Colombian poet Alvaro Mutis read from *Los elementos del desastre, Los trabajos perdidos,* as well as unpublished poems. Demetrio Aguilera Malta was the third writer to record his work in Mexico City. He read his play *El Tigre.* Most recently Carlos Montemayor recorded prose and poetry from *Las llaves de Urgell,* and other works.

The Archive of Hispanic Literature on Tape began in 1942 with a recording by the Uruguayan poet Emilio Oribe of a poem entitled "Oda al cielo de la Nueva Atlántida," dedicated to then Librarian of Congress Archibald MacLeish. Since those early days, with the aid of the Rockefeller Foundation, USIS offices throughout the Hispanic World, and writers, critics, and teachers from over 29 countries, the Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division has assembled recordings of 274 poets and prose writers. In addition to Spanish and Portuguese languages, Catalan, French, Quechua, Nahuatl, and Zapotec are also represented.

The Archive represents two distinct generations of Hispanic writers. Those of the 1940's and 1950's,

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LIBRARY CONFERENCE CALLED

In conjunction with the Centennial Conference of the American Library Association, the President, on July 19, announced his intention to convene the White House Conference on Library and Information Services, provided for in Public Law 93-568.

The announcement read, in part, that the "challenge confronting those who provide information services to the public is one of harnessing modern technology. Telecommunications, computers, and micrographics must be further employed to reduce the costs of making information more widely accessible and improving the speed and accuracy with which source materials can be supplied." The President also announced his intentions to request from the Congress the appropriations necessary to fund the conference and to make his appointments to the Advisory Committee on the conference.

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PORTUGUESE COLONIAL DOCUMENTS EXHIBITED

A selection of legal documents and treatises showing Portuguese legislative trends in the former overseas territories of Angola, Guinea-Bissau, and Mozambique, and their recent independence, will be on exhibit in the Law Library foyer beginning September 1.

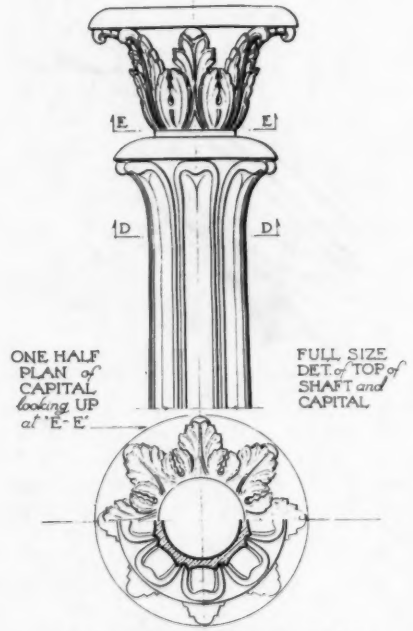
The exhibit, entitled "The Law in Portuguese Africa—Colonization and Decolonization," will include several statutes which governed the affairs of the African population in the former overseas colonies, including the 1930 Colonial Act, the 1953 Overseas Organic Law, the 1954 Native Statute, and the 1961 decree repealing the Native Statute.

The decolonization of the territories became possible after a successful military coup against the Portuguese Government took place in Lisbon in April 1974. The revolution was caused in large part by the government's failure to settle a 13-year costly war to subdue African rebel groups fighting for independence from Portugal. On display will be the Law on Decolonization of July 27, 1974, which recognized the right of Angola, Guinea-Bissau, and Mozambique to self-determination. Also on view will be the various agreements signed by the Portuguese and representatives of the African liberation movements which established the guidelines for each of the three former possessions to achieve independence.

This exhibit, prepared by Sandra A. Sawicki, legal research assistant of the Hispanic Law Division, will be located in the foyer of the Law Library Reading Room, Second Floor, Library of Congress Building, through November 30.

NEW LAMPS INSTALLED

One by one, the old green lampposts around the Library of Congress grounds are disappearing, and new shiny bronze ones are taking their place. In the late 1950's, it was discovered that copper plated cast



ONE HALF PLAN - SECTION at 'D-D'
FULL SIZE DETAIL

TYPICAL BRONZE LIGHTING STANDARD for LIBRARY of CONGRESS MAIN BLDG. GROUNDS

Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh and Assistant Architect of the Capitol Mario E. Campioli pose before one of the newly installed bronze lampposts.

iron lay under the green patina that many had mistaken for aging bronze. Moisture had penetrated the copper, and the lamps were beginning to rust.

The Architect of the Capitol's office began searching for someone to make solid bronze reproductions of the lamps, and in 1970 the contract was awarded to WIBES Manufacturing Company of Pennsylvania. Although the contract was awarded on a competitive basis, their previous work in the U.S. Capitol, Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress made them especially qualified for the difficult task. The company itself is a direct descendant of the one that made the original lamps in 1897.

Designs were drawn, approved, and delivery of 20 new lamps was made last year. The reproductions were cast from the original drawings, with slight modifications for improved lighting and safety.

The Architect of the Capitol's office is currently installing the new lamps, and four have been set in place to date. Unlike the old lamps, the reproductions are set on a three-foot deep concrete base. Ten separate pieces had to be cast which are stacked on a central copper tube to form each lamp, which weighs over 400 pounds. In approximately five years, a light green patina will form, but unlike the coating on the old lamps, this will protect the bronze from further corrosion.

TAPING PROGRAM BEGUN IN MEXICO CITY

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such as the Nobel Prize winners Gabriela Mistral, Juan Ramón Jiménez, Pablo Neruda, Miguel Angel Asturias, and equally famous writers such as Jorge Luis Borges, Rómulo Gallegos, Pedro Salinas, Jorge Guillén, and Nicholás Guillén. These are complemented by the representatives of the "new wave" of Hispanic writers such as Julio Cortázar, José Donoso, Carlos Fuentes, Gustavo Sainz, and Juan Goytisolo.

Continuing acquisitions are made for the Archive through the Library of Congress office in Rio de Janeiro, USIS Brazil, the University of Puerto Rico in Rio Piedras, and USIS Mexico. The Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division also records writers of note who pass through Washington.

Requests come in regularly from individuals and institutions for the loan or sale of tapes in the collection, for which the permission of the author or his executor is needed. Three recordings have been issued in the form of long-playing records: Pedro Salinas' *El Contemplado* (HPL-1); *Gabriela Mistral Reading Her Own Poetry* (HPL-2); and *Two Colombian Poets: Eduardo Carranza and Germán Pardo García* (HPL-3). Each record can be purchased in person for $6.50 from the Information Counter, Ground Floor, Library of Congress Building, or by mail from the Recorded Sound Section, Music Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540 for $7 each. A fourth record, entitled *Readings by Julio Cortázar,* is now in preparation and will be issued later this calendar year.

Cynthia M. Friday of Gastonia, N.C., was "Librarian of Congress" for Boys Nation/Girls Nation on August 3. The honorary Librarian visited Dr. Boorstin and toured the building and its operations. Miss Friday was one of 297 young men and women who assumed various Federal posts in the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary sponsored program.

DEVOTI RECORDS FOR ARCHIVE

William DeVoti visited the Library on June 25 to record his poems for the Archive of Recorded Poetry and Literature. Started in 1943, the archive consists of tape recordings of over 700 poets reading from their works.

Mr. DeVoti, who lives in Sheffield, Mass., read poems from his book, *Deer Beds and Other Poems*, published by Hilary Russell, Jr., The Outland Press, Lewisville, Pa., in 1974. He also read from a manuscript in progress entitled *Building a New House*. Mr. DeVoti's poems have appeared in many periodicals, including *Berkshire Anthology*, *The English Journal*, *The Nation*, and *Prairie Schooner*.

Other poets who have recorded their poems for the Archive of Recorded Poetry and Literature this year include Kathleen Fraser, Gary Gildner, Daniel Halpern, Daud Kamal, Carl Rakosi, and Dudley Randall. The Archive is under the editorial supervision of the incumbent consultant in poetry, who last year was Stanley Kunitz. Robert Hayden will assume the consultantship in September.

A listing of the Archive's holdings, *Literary Recordings* (1966), can be obtained by mail from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 or in person at the Library's Information Counter, for $2. A revised edition of *Literary Recordings*, updated to May 1975, will be available soon.

NEW SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Effective August 11, service between the Library of Congress Building and the Crystal Mall and Pickett Street Annexes will be as follows:

Depart LC Building	*Depart CMA*	*Depart PSA*	*Depart CMA*
7:45 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	8:55 a.m.
8:30 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	9:25 a.m.	9:45 a.m.
9:30 a.m.	9:50 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
10:15 a.m.	10:35 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
12:00 noon	12:20 p.m.	12:50 p.m.	1:10 p.m.
12:45 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:40 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
1:45 p.m.	2:05 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	2:55 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	2:50 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	3:35 p.m.
3:55 p.m.		4:30 p.m.	

COURSES FOR FALL ANNOUNCED

The Training Office has announced a schedule of in-house courses for Library of Congress employees for this fall. Attendance at these classes must be job-related, and nominations must be submitted by supervisors on form LW 3/61, *Employee Training Nomination*. Course descriptions and eligibility requirements for the first six courses scheduled for fiscal 1977 may be found in a memorandum of August 4 to department directors, division chiefs, and executive officers. Nomination deadlines and course titles are listed below:

Course Title	*Dates*	*Nomination Deadline*
German	9/8-11/19	8/25
French	9/13-10/26	8/27

Course Title	*Dates*	*Nomination Deadline*
Beginning Typing	9/13-11/10	8/27
Refresher Typing	9/13-10/26	8/27
Professional Orientation Series	9/14-11/11	8/27
Personnel Policies and Procedures for Supervisors	9/14-9/23	8/27

STAFF NEWS

Preli Appointed Captain

Joseph A. Preli has been appointed captain of the Library of Congress Special Police Force. In his new position, Captain Preli is responsible for the administration of the 108-member uniformed special police who provide for the security and safety of the Library's buildings, collections, employees, and visitors.

Captain Preli

Captain Preli's career spans 28 years of police experience with the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department. In 1973, he received a B.S., *cum laude,* from American University with a major in administration of justice. He is a graduate of the Law Enforcement Institute of the University of Maryland and has attended police management schools and training courses for controlling juvenile delinquency. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Active in community affairs, he has served as a member of the Arlington County Youth Commission and as a member of the Interdepartmental/ Interagency Committee on Abused and Neglected Children in the District of Columbia.

Captain Preli and his wife, Sorine, have two sons, Robert and Christopher.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Michael Dolduc, telecommunications specialist, GS-11, ISO, 2053; Richard Fischer, library aid, GS-3, Share Cat, 2025; Lamont Jones, reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, OP 5-600; Robin Sherwood, master files assistant, GS-3, CRS L, 2047; Joanne Simmons, secretary to the Director of Personnel, GS-8, Pers, 1869; William Tuchrello, processing and reference assistant, GS-7, Orien, 1986.

Temporary Appointments: Dorothy Dubose, library aid, GS-1, S&R, NP; Glen Evans, library aid, GS-1, DBPH, NP; Kathryn Fabrizio, master files assistant, GS-3, CRS L, NP; Barbara Sanders, bibliographic assistant, GS-5, CRS L, 1921; Tammy Thomas, library aid, GS-1, Desc Cat, NP.

Reappointment: Sarah Frey, librarian, GS-7, Subj Cat, 1890.

Temporary Promotions: Alexander Mathews, to bibliographic assistant, GS-5, CRS L, 1912; Edith Terry, to assistant editor of the Chinese Union Catalog and reference librarian, GS-7, Orien, 2024.

Promotions: Johnnie Barksdale, Health, to supervisory personnel assistant, GS-8, Pers Place, 2028; O. Barbara Oropallo, to supervisory clerk-typist, GS-5, Ser Rec, 1941; Kathleen Peterson, to accounting technician, GS-6, Cop Serv, 2067; Frank Spigel, to reference assistant, GS-4, CRS A, 2033; Robert Stallings, to deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 2-600.

Transfers: Deidra Gray, S&R, to editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS D, 1936; Leonard Scott, Ser Rec, to personnel staffing and classification specialist, GS-9, Pers Place, 1828 & 1829; Marlene Taylor, Ser Rec, to personnel staffing and classification specialist, GS-9, Pers Class, 1828 & 1829.

Resignations: Cheryl Baxter, CRS ENR; Edwin Cortez, CRS C; Nina Freifeld, CRS L; Isabella Hodge, CS; Colleen Jozefczyk, CRS Ed; Charles McClam, Ord; Timothy McKissick, Cop Ref; Harry Powell, E&G; Frances Robbins, CRS ENR; Linda Trapp, CRS C.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Floyd D. Hedrick, chief, Procurement and Supply Division, is the author of a publication entitled "Pur-

chasing for Owners of Small Plants." The booklet is one of a series of bibliographies published by the Small Business Administration and distributed throughout the nation to help small businessmen.

Robert L. Lisbeth, administrative assistant in the Prints and Photographs Division, has been appointed editor of *Way Markings*, a quarterly journal of The Virginia Postal History Society. The journal deals with Virginia's colonial, revolutionary, Confederate, and U.S. postal history.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Accessions List: Eastern Africa. ISSN 0090-371X. Vol. 9, No. 3/4. May/July 1976. (pp. 59-101) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, P.O. Box 30598, Nairobi, Kenya.

Accessions List: Southeast Asia. ISSN 0096-2341. Vol. 2, No. 9. September 1976. (pp. 137-174) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

Digest of Public General Bills and Resolutions. 94th Congress, 2nd Session. Supplement No. 1 to Cumulative Issue No. 1. 1976. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $2.80 this issue or $110 a session, domestic, and $137.50 a session, foreign (LC 14.6:94-2/1-2/Supp. 1).

Digest of Public General Bills and Resolutions. 94th Congress, 2nd Session. Supplement No. 2 to Cumulative Issue No. 1. 1976. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents for $3 this issue or $110 a session, domestic, and $137.50 a session, foreign. (LC 14.6:94-2/1-2/Supp. 2).

Ladino Books in the Library of Congress: A Bibliography. Hispanic Foundation Bibliographical Series, No. 7. 1963. (48 p.) Free upon request to the Central Services Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

LC Classification–Additions and Changes. ISSN 0041-7912. List 182. April-June 1976. (96 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541, for $30 a year, $7.50 a single issue.

Library of Congress Catalogs: Chinese Cooperative Catalog. ISSN 0095-1072. 1975 (1976). Vol. 1, A-Hsin. (v. 859 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service for $170.

Library of Congress Catalogs: Music, Books on Music, and Sound Recordings. ISSN 0092-2838. January-June. 1976. (vi, 482 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service, on a subscription basis only, at $45 a year. Subscribers to the *National Union Catalog* will automatically receive *Music, Books on Music, and Sound Recordings.*

Library of Congress Publications in Print. March 1976. (54 p.) Free upon request to the Central Services Division.

Maps: A MARC Format; Specifications for Magnetic Tapes Containing Catalog Records for Maps. 1970. Second Edition, 1976. (76 p.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents for $1.40.

MARC–Its History and Implications. 1975. (49 p.) Free upon request to the Central Services Division.

Monthly Checklist of State Publications. ISSN 0027-0288. Vol. 67, No. 6. June 1976. (pp. 437-581) and Vol. 67, No. 7. July 1976. (pp. 582-665) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents for $1.50 or single monthly issues, except June and December for $2.45, or $21.90 per year, domestic, and $27.40, foreign (LC 30.9:67/6) and (LC 30.9:67/7).

Subject Catalog. ISSN 0086-8803. January-March 1976. Vol. 2, F-O. (956 p.) Vol. 3, P-Z. (933 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at $850 for three quarterly issues and an annual cumulation.

APPENDIX

CONTINUING REPORTS ON THE CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Chicago, Ill., July 18-24, 1976

RBMS PRECONFERENCE

The Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ACRL held its 17th preconference in Ann Arbor, Mich., on July 14-17. The theme of the preconference—Maps and Atlases—was a new one for the section and all the more welcome on that account. Approximately 150 people were on hand for the three-day conference, which blended papers, exhibits, maps, books, and hospitality in a pleasant mix. At the opening session Ann Bowden, the conference chairman, briefly summarized the section's history from its first meeting in Charlottesville, Va., in 1959 through last year's sessions in San Francisco, Calif. The section's history was further illumined by an enclosure in the registration packet, Georgia C. Haugh's *A Brief Review of the Committee on Rare Books and Events Leading to the Rare Books Section of ACRL, 1955-1958* (Ann Arbor, 1976. 5 p.). In introducing the keynote speaker, Kenneth Nebenzahl, chairman of the Program Committee, pointed out that many of the country's top experts were on hand to address the conference. Their mixed audience of map specialists, rare book and manuscript librarians, dealers, and so on, would assure that the speakers were not merely preaching to the converted. Mr. Nebenzahl's observation about the non-converted was of course accurate; many of the people present were largely unfamiliar with cartography, a fact which presented both a problem and a challenge to the speakers. Inevitably the participants perceived the proceedings from the vantage point of his or her own discipline. In acknowledging the bias of this report, the writer points out that Jacob Chernofsky, editor of the *AB Bookman's Weekly,* volunteered to publish the full proceedings and papers of the preconference. Those interested in reading the papers in their entirety will want to watch the pages of that journal for an announcement of publication plans.

In his keynote speech, Norman J. W. Thrower, professor of geography at UCLA, considered "Cartography in University Education." Focusing on graduate education, he spoke of actual and ideal teaching programs in cartography, kinds of academic research projects being conducted in the field, cartographic services provided at universities, types of resources needed for a successful program, and the importance of such resources in keeping the interest of scholars alive. David Woodward, director of the Herman Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography at the Newberry Library treated "The Map as a Physical Object." His well-organized paper considered the following physical aspects of maps: format (size, shape, general make-up), fabric (the base material of the map), impression (surface characteristics of the map resulting from the process used to make it), the medium (inks, coloring pigments), and style (various cartographic elements giving a map a distinctive appearance).

At the Thursday luncheon, the results of this year's section elections were announced. Terry Belanger, assistant professor at the School of Library Service of Columbia University, is the section's vice chairman/chairman-elect. William Wreden, San Francisco rare book dealer, will serve a three-year term as member-at-large and Marion Brown, recently retired head of the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Toronto Library, a one-year term. Howard Peckham, director of the William L. Clements Library, discussed the formation of the distinguished map resources at his institution. He gave an entertaining account of the founder in action, of the incredibly low prices at which Clements purchased rarities for his collections, and of the more recent growth of the Library's collections.

That evening, following a reception at the Bentley Historical Library and dinner, the University of Michigan Collegium Musicum presented a concert, "The Spanish Legacy Comes to the New World." Thomas F. Taylor, the group's director showed slides on the history of music development in the New World and his instrumentalists and vocalists played and sang appropriate selections on replicas of early musical instruments.

At the opening session on Friday, Douglas Marshall, curator of maps at the Clements Library, considered "Maps as Historical Evidence." After discussing various characteristics which have kept maps from being accorded proper academic status, he gave examples of kinds of information which can be gotten from maps when they are approached as parts of series, rather than as isolated examples. He pointed out many uses of maps and observed that historians

have failed to perceive their full potential. When we know better how maps were used in the past, other branches of academia may perceive their relevance to their disciplines. John Wolter, assistant chief of the Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, addressed the topic "Research Tools and Literature." Largely confining himself to the last 100 years, Mr. Wolter showed slides demonstrating the growth in the literature of cartography, collections, societies, journals, and so forth. He then considered some of the major research tools in the field, a number of them quite recently published. Despite this extensive coverage in Mr. Wolter's experience, much worthwhile cartographic information does not get listed.

At the Friday luncheon, the incoming chairman of the section, William Matheson, chief of the Library of Congress Rare Book and Special Collections Division, spoke on plans for next year's preconference to be held in Toronto on June 14-17 on the theme, Bookselling and Book Buying in the Nineteenth Century: Aspects of the British and North American Book Trade. Mr. Matheson also reported briefly on the conference held at the British Library on June 14-18 on the feasibility of preparing a Short Title Catalog of Eighteenth Century British Books. The Organizing Committee appointed to continue the work of the conference will meet at the Library of Congress on November 10-12.

On Friday afternoon, Ralph E. Ehrenberg, director, Cartographic Archives Division, National Archives and Records Service, talked about "Microfilming Standards and Photoduplication." His paper considered microfilming from the points of view of problems, processes, characteristics of microfilm, and the need for standards. Dimensional stability and accurate color are examples of characteristics of maps presenting problems in various processes of reproduction. He showed slides of equipment in use at his institution, some of which is capable of handling very large maps in satisfactory ways.

In a speculative paper, "Map Cataloging and Cartobibliography," Robert Karrow, curator of maps at the Newberry Library, applied techniques developed for describing books to the study of maps. He considered reference and physical bibliography and pointed out parallels in map study. Quoting a passage from W. W. Greg, he substituted map terms for book terms and in so doing demonstrated possibilities for applying similar approaches. His paper also considered possibilities for applying textual bibliographical study to maps.

At the Friday night dinner, Andrew McNally III, chairman of the board of Rand McNally and Co., talked briefly about his firm's history and then showed slides of some of the handsome Christmas cards his company has issued over the years. These cards have reproduced early maps, American maps, and other attractive—and frequently rare—examples from major map collections.

Paul Banks, conservator at the Newberry Library, opened the Saturday morning session with a wide-ranging talk on "Conservation of Maps and Atlases." Most of Mr. Banks' points apply equally well to the other kinds of materials libraries collect. He focused on four topics: control (temperature, humidity, light, elimination of pollution, etc.), protective storage (emphasizing problems of maps and "flat paper" restoration), treatment (preferring Japanese tissue to cellulose acetate lamination), and needs and prospects. At the moment prospects for training conservators are poor, which makes it even more important for libraries to monitor good environment and to provide protective storage. Mr. Banks spoke very favorably of the polyester encapsulation developed by the Library of Congress Preservation Office.

Joan Winearls, map librarian at the University of Toronto, presented a paper on "Progress in Cartobibliography and Automated Cataloging of Maps in Canada." The paper covered the activities which have led to present possibilities for computerized map cataloging in Canada. The speaker is at work on a cartobibliography of maps of Upper Canada and Canada West, 1774-1867. She gave full credit to the National Map Collection in Ottawa, which has been actively involved in publications and in activities which forward the profession.

At the final luncheon session, Coolie Verner, professor of education, University of British Columbia, and author of many works about maps, gave an overview and summation of the preconference. The conference papers pointed out the increasing interest in the study of maps as objects. In Professor Verner's view, maps still are rarely seen as a total entity, which has made historians suspicious of them as valid documents. The conference charted ground for what is essentially a new field and a new discipline. Cartographers will need to borrow procedures from various fields to develop an integrated procedure for maps and methods for locating and getting at maps for the detailed study they deserve. In his view, this new body of knowledge will require new attitudes and perceptions, if it is to be successfully developed.

The Clements Library and the University Library Department of Rare Books and Special Collections of

the Michigan University Library provided tours and map exhibits on two afternoons of the preconference. University Microfilms International offered tours of its plant and was the host of an evening reception. The Midwest Antiquarian Book Sellers held the first Ann Arbor Antiquarian Book Fair in the Michigan Room of the Michigan League during three days of the preconference. To anyone who might have thought the topic was a limited one, the meeting proved to be a real eye-opener. [*William Matheson*]

LAD PRECONFERENCE INSTITUTE

The Library Administration Division's Preconference Institute on Meeting Library Building Space Needs was held on July 15-17. More than 400 registrants represented a variety of libraries and also included architects, designers, and consultants. On July 15, the theme of the institute was approached most fully in three sessions directed toward (1) assessing space needs realistically, (2) adjusting to the effects of the newer media on library space, and (3) evaluating the space impacts of library systems and networks. The first session dealt in rather general terms with the problem of assessing needs, with the speakers describing the changes in materials and equipment with which libraries are now faced (such as microform readers and computer terminals) and describing some failings in older libraries to provide pleasant and adequate space for users and library staff. Some specific formulas and practical suggestions were proposed for library space planning by both the librarians and architects on the panel.

The second session addressed more directly the problems of accommodating the newer media, especially the audiovisual equipment that is increasingly a part of library service. This problem is particularly significant in libraries in educational institutions where large numbers of and a great variety of visual and sound educational aids are essential services to students. Talks by the speakers dealt with the advantages and disadvantages of handling methods, especially in relation to traditional library materials—whether to integrate the two into one collection or to separate by major types—while other speakers described (and illustrated with slides) the various problems of housing and serving these newer media items. Video and sound equipment has become so integral a part of today's libraries that this equipment has decided effects on building structure and future planning, especially since some of the larger and more sophisticated playback and production systems require relatively large amounts of space.

Speakers at the third session discussed space implications of library networks and the cooperative programs for cataloging, interlibrary loans, and storage of collections. There appeared to be fewer space advantages than might be imagined, with some increases in space needs to handle such things as shipping of interlibrary loans by libraries that previously had limited their services to over-the-counter borrowers. The speakers recognized the advantages of the newer technologies on improving total library service, but were less sanguine on the question of budgetary savings through cooperation.

The program on July 16 was directed toward interior design and its importance for good use of library space. The librarians, architects, and designers who spoke during the program were in agreement on the importance of a team effort in library space-planning. They urged the inclusion of the interior designer at the earliest possible point in the process and gave interesting examples of the benefits derived in specific libraries when the interior design and architecture were integrated and directed toward the library's objectives as defined clearly by the librarian. These examples were illustrated by numerous slides. Some of the technical relationships with interior designers—selection, fees, and so forth—were discussed in the talks. Following the formal presentations, the conference registrants visited Chicago's Merchandise Mart for a luncheon and tour of the showroom of the principal suppliers of library and office furniture. Many of the designers in the group provided registrants with informal evaluations of the furniture displayed. [*Paul L. Berry*]

ASSOCIATION OF STATE LIBRARY AGENCIES

The membership meeting of the Association of State Library Agencies (ASLA) on July 20 was devoted to a discussion of the future possibilities of the association within the ALA structure. ASLA is currently considering restructuring itself into a division that would include (besides state agencies) all agencies interested in interlibrary cooperation and all those involved with multitype or multijurisdictional systems, networks, and consortia. There is also a potential for closer alliance with the Health and Rehabilitative Library Services Division, with which ASLA shares certain common interests.

Barratt Wilkins of the Florida State Library is the new ASLA president. Vice president and president-elect is Donald B. Simpson, director of the Bibliographical Center for Research in Denver, Colo.

Roderick G. Swartz, Washington State Library, Olympia, was elected to the Board of Directors.

[*Nathan R. Einhorn*]

GODORT FEDERAL DOCUMENTS TASK FORCE

The business meeting of GODORT's Federal Documents Task Force on July 20 was devoted mainly to a review of the projects undertaken by the various work groups of the task force. The Work Group on Acquisitions Problems has been paying particular attention to the problems of non-depository libraries, such as the termination of subscriptions to items normally available only to the depositories, the pricing policies of the Government Printing Office, the discrepancy in receipt of depository and subscription copies of government periodicals, and several others listed in *Documents to the People,* (March, 1976, pp. 28-31). Jeanne Isacco, GPO, reported on the progress being made on the forthcoming publication of the "Publications Reference File," a sales catalog of GPO publications in print, to be issued in diazo microfiche.

The Work Group on Bibliographic Control has been concerned with improvements in the *Monthly Catalog of U.S. Government Publications,* with National Technical Information Service publications and services, and with the role played by various Federal agencies in the bibliographic control of U.S. Government publications. [A detailed review appeared in the May issue of *Documents to the People,* pp. 29-37.]

The proposed standards and guidelines for depository libraries have been the main concern of the Work Group on Depository Libraries. These standards were published in last December's issue of *Public Document Highlights,* and comments on them should be sent to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, by September 1.

Leroy C. Schwarzkopf, University of Maryland, and Jeanne Isacco were reelected coordinator and assistant coordinator of the task force, respectively. The new secretary is Lefaye Cobb, of West Georgia College. [*Nathan R. Einhorn*]

GODORT

The Government Documents Round Table held its business meeting on July 21 with chairman Anthony Miele, director of the Alabama Public Library Service, presiding. Among the matters that came before this session were the following.

GODORT currently has nearly 1,100 members and is the largest round table in ALA. Nancy Cline of the Pattee Library, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, who was elected chairman for 1976-77, reported on the results of the booth the Round Table had manned at the conference. Miss Cline then referred to the report on GODORT she had given at the July 19 American Library Trustee Association (ALTA) meeting devoted to reviewing for library trustees the activities and concerns of the various ALA units. She also mentioned that an editor of *Choice* was seeking reviewers of Government publications and asked that round table members communicate their interests to her so that she might provide the editor with this information. Next, Mr. Miele reported that the ALA Council had just approved an assessment formula for round tables. The agreement, which was approved for a three-year trial period, calls for assessing each round table no less than five percent and no more than 10 percent of each group's annual dues income. The Council had also given its approval to a new Congressional Information Service/GODORT award which calls for an annual $1,000 contribution to honor the librarian or library which has most effectively encouraged the use of Federal documents in support of library services.

The next announcement was that the recipient of the first annual James Bennett Childs award for distinguished contributions by an individual to documents librarianship was Mr. Childs himself. Since Mr. Childs was unable to be present, this writer was asked to accept the handsome plaque for delivery, and pointed out that a suitable presentation ceremony would be arranged at the Library of Congress. [The ceremony took place at the Library on Monday, August 16, and will be reported in a future issue of the LC *Information Bulletin.*]

Following the secretary's report on the July 18 Steering Committee meeting and the treasurer's report showing the healthy financial status of the round table, the results of the election were announced. In addition to the new chairman, Nancy Cline, the principal officers for 1976-77 are Lois Mills, Western Illinois University, Macomb, who was reelected assistant chairman, Irene Itina, New York Public Library, who was re-elected treasurer, and this writer, who was elected secretary. The new Election Committee chairman, Alice Brown, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, next proposed a shortening of the ballot for 1977, but majority sentiment did not appear to favor the proposal and no formal motion was made. Two brief amendments to the by-laws relating to the selection of the chairmen for the Election and Constitution Committees that had been published in the March

issue of *Documents to the People* were approved as published. A resolution for transmission to ALA Council to the effect that all publications produced with public money remain free of copyright restraints was approved as presented. Candace Morgan, Illinois State Library, the outgoing secretary of GODORT, reported on the workshops on the economic censuses being jointly sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau and various local organizers to train librarians to educate researchers in using these materials. One workshop had just been held in Chicago, a second is to be held in San Francisco, Calif., on September 27-29, and a third in the Washington, D.C., area on November 2-4. A motion to change the effective term of office of the treasurer to the period September to August, to coincide with ALA's fiscal year as approved by the Steering Committee, was approved by the membership.

The next order of business were reports from the six task forces. As these are to be published in *Documents to the People,* it was asked that only action items be reported. Peter Hernon, Graduate Library School, University of Indiana, Bloomington, reported for the Local Documents Task Force on the proposal for publishing a volume on municipal reference resources which had been approved by the Steering Committee in January. Publication arrangements are not yet final but should be completed shortly. Mr. Hernon stated that it was hoped to cover about 300 U.S. cities, and help was needed as the job could not be done without input from the various states. Contributors from states he cited have not been named, and he was seeking volunteers. An instruction sheet and input forms were distributed to attendees, and the deadline for the material was announced as mid-December 1976. Dean Trivette, University of Kentucky Libraries, Lexington, outgoing coordinator of the Education Task Force, reported that copies of a *Draft Syllabus of Resources for Teaching Government Publications* had been distributed, but since only 100 copies had been produced, it was recommended that it be sent to ERIC to increase its availability; this was approved by the membership.

LeRoy Schwarzkopf, McKeldin Library, University of Maryland, College Park, coordinator of the Federal Documents Task Force, introduced a resolution that had been approved by the task force. This resolution, which received one amendment from the floor, praised the present efforts of the Government Printing Office and the Library of Congress to cooperate on the cataloging of U.S. Government publications and urges prompt elimination of duplication of cataloging. GODORT further urges that the center of authority for cataloging federal U.S. publications reside at the Government Printing Office. The Library of Congress should accept and incorporate it into the MARC system. Cooperation between GPO and LC in cataloging Federal documents would: (1) promote standard cataloging for most federal publications; (2) would make this cataloging available to all the library networks; (3) eliminate the duplicate cataloging of at least 14,000 titles per year; and (4) save the taxpayer's money.

Eris Roth, Social Security Administration Library, Baltimore, Md., coordinator of the Microforms Task Force, next introduced a resolution, passed by that group's membership meeting, commending the GPO for being sensitive to public information needs and for conducting the pilot microform project. The report on the project is awaited so that librarians can react to it. It was further recommended that the GPO continue publishing government publications in microform. As one of the final items of business, Mr. Miele mentioned that ALA had appointed a new committee to study the restructuring of the organization. He had been appointed to this group which was to have its first meeting on July 22. [*Robert W. Schaaf*]

ACRL AAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Asian and African Section of ACRL met on July 19 with President Alan Taylor, Johns Hopkins University Library, in the chair. New officers were introduced. They are John Eilts, University of Michigan, vice chairman and chairman-elect; Josephine Fang, Simmons College, secretary; and David Donovan, University of Notre Dame, member-at-large. Charles Bryant, Yale University, will serve as president for 1976-77 and Karl Lo, University of Washington Library, and Y. T. Feng, Boston (Mass.) Public Library, continue as members-at-large.

A directory of members has been completed and is being updated by computer at the University of Michigan. It is hoped it can be printed and distributed by ALA at a minimal charge.

The committee also discussed liaison with the Descriptive Cataloging and Subject Analysis Committees of the Cataloging and Classification Section of RTSD which from time to time consider rules for Asian, African, and Near Eastern languages. It was agreed that the chairman will appoint a representative and an alternate to meet with each committee. Their function would be to assist these committees in identifying appropriate cataloging specialists for

consultation when issues arise affecting Asian languages.

Consideration was given to participation in next year's preconference on collection development. A section program is being developed on national bibliographies, their requirements and evolution.

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ARL SOUTH ASIA ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE

The South Asia Acquisitions Committee of the Association of Research Libraries met Wednesday, July 21. Present were Paul Fasana, New York Public Library; J. Dennis Hyde, representing Richard De Gennaro of the University of Pennsylvania Library; Maureen Patterson, University of Chicago Library; and Louis Jacob, Library of Congress. Rodney Sarle, new chief of the Overseas Operations Division, Library of Congress met with the committee to discuss recent developments in the Library's overseas programs.

In view of the recent changes in the Library of Congress Overseas Operations Office, the committee agreed to circulate to Mr. Sarle and John C. Crawford, the division's new assistant chief, for their comments the statement of understandings and purposes produced at their initial meeting on February 19. The committee also agreed to consult with John Lorenz of ARL concerning their statements of role and concerns.

Mr. Sarle indicated that New Delhi and Karachi offices might be able to contribute to certain types of projects, such as bibliographies. He would welcome discussion of proposals.

The committee reaffirmed the content of its February 19 statement, except that it now proposes to meet at ALA midwinter and to indicate in the program that the session is closed, rather than to meet at the annual summer convention. Regular meetings will continue to be scheduled once a year.

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YASD PROGRAM

On Wednesday afternoon, July 21, the Young Adult Services Division sponsored a program on the theme of Celebrating Young Adults and Library Media Services to Them.

The first part of the program featured brief presentations by nine panelists, most of them young adult librarians. They spoke about various young adult programs in their libraries. These include folksings, job information booths, visits from college and university representatives, book discussions, handicraft lessons, rape counseling, and film screenings. Several also offered suggestions on how to win trustees' support for young adult programs.

Following these presentations, selected 1976 films for young adults were screened. A highlight of this part of the program was the showing of films by George Luthering and Allan Kraus, winners of the 1973 and 1974 Chicago Young Filmmakers Festivals, respectively.

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